

REMARKS

On an initial note, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended to the Applicant's representative at the personal interview conducted on February 8, 2006. Applicant has made minor amendments to the specification in paragraphs 1., 2., and 3. at page 1, and paragraph [0015]. The amendments to the specification generally reflect clerical errors or to present proper paragraph numbering and form. Applicant has also made minor amendments to Claims 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, and added new Claim 59. Support for the amendments can be found generally throughout. Applicant has included a courtesy substitute specification, excluding claims and abstract, both in marked-up and clean form, incorporating the amendments to the specification. Applicant submits that these minor amendments and corrections herein are made without prejudice and not to overcome prior art or to supplement the disclosure and that no new matter has been added.

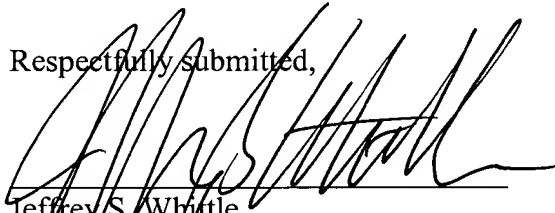
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for an additional claim to the deposit account of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, Deposit Account No. 500259 (Attorney Docket No. 025656.003).

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for examination and the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, examination of the application and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course are respectfully requested.

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